Appl. No. 10/799,065

Examiner: MAI, ANH T, Art Unit 2832

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006

Date: June 30, 2006 Attorney Docket No. 10113891

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 4, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above and that the patent be granted in view of the arguments presented. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 1 and 4 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al (US 3,947,749) in view of Watanabe (JP 08236362A) and in further view of Ghiringhelli (US 4,016,477). Claims 5, 8-13 and 16 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al in view of Watanabe and Ghiringhelli, and further in view of Lin et al (US 6,717,372). Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 14, and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this paper, claim 1 is amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 2. Claim 5 is amended to include all the limitations of allowable claim 6. Claim 10 is amended to include all the limitations of allowable claims 14. Claims 2, 6 and 14 are canceled. Thus, on entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 7-13 and 15-16 remain in the application.

Insofar as this amendment merely cancels claims, adopts examiner suggestions, and requires only a cursory review by the Examiner, it is believed to be proper under 37 CFR 1.116.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication in the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 14, and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Insofar as all of the claims remaining in the application contain the limitations of the claims indicated as allowable, all claims now pending are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

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The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

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